

ABSOLUTE RATING: Good
IMPROVEMENT RATING: Excellent

Number of high schools with students similar to ours: 30. The absolute ratings for those schools ranged from average to excellent. For the improvement ratings, the range was from unsatisfactory to excellent.

(Definitions of School Rating Terms on Page 4)

RATINGS OVER A 4-YEAR PERIOD

	Absolute Rating	Improvement Rating
2001	Good	Excellent
2002		
2003		
2004		

TENTH GRADE PASSAGE OF ONE OR MORE SUBTESTS OF THE EXIT EXAM

	Our School			Schools With Students Like Ours		
	1999	2000	2001	1999	2000	2001
• Passed all 3 subtests	65.1	70.7	76.0	67.5	72.0	74.4
• Passed 2 subtests	20.5	16.1	16.3	17.5	15.2	14.7
• Passed 1 subtest	8.5	9.3	5.3	9.7	8.4	7.0
• Passed no subtests	5.8	3.9	2.4	5.2	4.4	3.8

ELIGIBILITY FOR LIFE SCHOLARSHIPS	Our School	Schools With Students Like Ours
% of seniors eligible for LIFE Scholarships	26.8%	22.9%
% of seniors who met the SAT requirement	32.1%	24.3%
% of seniors who met the grade point average	42.6%	54.3%

Beginning in 2003, the graduation rate for each high school will be included in the school rating.

PERFORMANCE BY STUDENT GROUPS

Seniors			
Student Group	Exit Exam Passage Rate by Spring 2001	Eligibility for LIFE Scholarships	Graduation Rate
All students	90.9%	26.8%	N/A until 2003
Students with disabilities other than speech	80.0%	0.0%	
Students without disabilities	93.0%	27.9%	
Gender			
Male	87.8%	30.4%	
Female	94.1%	23.5%	
Ethnic Group			
African American	75.6%	2.6%	
Hispanic	100.0%	0.0%	
White	93.9%	32.9%	
Other	100.0%	60.0%	
Lunch Status			
Free/reduced-price lunch	88.1%	2.3%	
Pay for lunch	92.3%	34.2%	

STUDENTS IN CAREER AND TECHNOLOGY COURSES

Mastering core competencies	82.7%
Completers placed	N/A
Eligible students enrolled	41.5%

SCHOOL PROFILE

INDICATORS OF SCHOOL PERFORMANCE

	Our School	Change from Last Year	Schools with Students Like Ours	Median High School
SCHOOL				
• Dollars spent per student	\$6,098	N/A	\$5,617	\$5,668
• Prime instructional time	90.3%	Down from 90.7%	90.6%	90.1%
• Student-teacher ratio	28.0 to 1	N/A	27.2 to 1	25.1 to 1
STUDENTS (n=1,020)				
• Advanced Placement/ Int'l Baccalaureate Program Exam Success Ratio	51.1%	N/A	51.1%	40.0%
• Attendance rate	95.1%	Down from 95.4%	95.5%	95.3%
• Retention rate	8.2%	Up from 3.3%	9.0%	10.0%
TEACHERS (n=72)				
• Professional Development days per teacher	9.9 Days	Up from 6.7	7.6 Days	7.5 Days
• Attendance rate	96.2%	Down from 96.3%	95.9%	95.7%
• Teachers with advanced degrees	40.3%	Down from 42.0%	54.2%	49.4%
• Continuing contract teachers	81.9%	Up from 81.7%	84.2%	81.0%
• Teachers with out-of-field permits	0.0%	Down from 5.6%	2.2%	3.0%
• Teachers returning from the previous school year	85.8%	Down from 86.0%	86.3%	85.2%
• Average teacher salary	\$40,187	Up 5.6%	\$38,923	\$38,125

SCHOOL FACTS

	Our School	Change From Last Year	Schools with Students like ours	Median High School
SCHOOL				
• Dropout rate	1.1%	Up from 0.8%	2.6%	2.9%
• Percentage of expenditures spent on teacher salaries	55.6%	N/A	56.2%	56.4%
• Principal's years at the school	3.0	N/A	3.0	3.0
• Percent of parents attending conferences	43.6%	N/A	57.7%	60.1%
• Opportunities in the arts	Excellent	N/A	Excellent	Excellent
STUDENTS				
• Older than usual for grade	7.6%	Up from 5.2%	9.0%	10.1%
• Suspended or expelled	68	N/A	26	29
• Gifted and talented	11.5%	Down from 15.5%	9.9%	7.4%
• With disabilities other than speech	14.0%	Up from 12.3%	10.6%	10.7%
• Career/technology students in co-curricular organizations	0.0%	N/A	1.5%	4.5%
• Enrollment in career and technology center courses	423	N/A	409	350
• Career students participating in work-based experiences	20.2%	N/A	23.8%	23.1%



PRINCIPAL'S / SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL REPORT

This has been a very productive year at Myrtle Beach High. Our students have shown their prowess in academics as well as in extra-curricular activities. They hosted two state conventions (Interact and National Honor Society) at our school and served as fine examples in the community through various service projects. Among our accomplishments are the following:

Over 85 members of our senior class were awarded over 2.8 million dollars in scholarships with over 78% of those seniors planning to attend a 2-year or 4-year college or university. We also had one student who was named a National Merit Scholar as well as six others who were recognized as being Palmetto Fellows. We were fortunate in that our SAT Team won the regional championship again this year and our Academic Team placed in the semi-final round of both the Horry County and Beach Ball Classic Academic Tournaments.

Our faculty and staff have worked very hard toward achieving the performance goals as outlined by our school's strategic plan and the district's performance goals. We have met or exceeded several goals and are making steady progress toward achieving the rest. We have one teacher who is working on National Board Certification, 13 teachers have completed a course on the nature and needs of the gifted and talented, and two staff members have earned their doctorates.

We will continue our focus on our academic goals particularly in the area of math and during the upcoming school year. We will work with the PTSO and the School Improvement Council to continue implementation of our plan on improving communication between the school and the home. We will also work to develop plans for improving parent and community involvement in school activities and events.

Ronnie Burgess

EVALUATIONS BY TEACHERS AND STUDENTS

Percent	Teachers	Students	Parents
Satisfied with learning environment	N/A	N/A	(Avail. 2002)
Satisfied with social and physical environment	N/A	N/A	
Satisfied with home-school relations	N/A	N/A	

DEFINITIONS OF SCHOOL RATING TERMS

Excellent – School performance substantially exceeds the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

Good – School performance exceeds the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

Average – School performance meets the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

Below Average – School is in jeopardy of not meeting the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

Unsatisfactory – School performance fails to meet the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

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Grades 9-12 High School

Enrollment: 1,020 Students

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THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

Annual School
Report Card

2001

School Grade:
Excellent



South Carolina Performance Goal:

By 2010, South Carolina's student achievement will be ranked in the top half of the states nationally. To achieve this goal, we must become one of the five fastest improving systems in the country.

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